

CHAPTER 2: THE HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE ECOTRENDS PROJECT

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INTRODUCTION

Multi-agency, cross-site synthesis initiatives are still relatively new and offer important opportunities for learning. The internal organizations and histories of such projects are not always documented in detail, but the lessons learned can inform future projects or sites that would like to participate in larger projects (see Chapter 16). In this chapter, we describe the internal organization and timeline of the EcoTrends Project as background to the data and recommendations that follow in the rest of the book.

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